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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Southwold.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the health of the Borough for the year 1966.

For the third year in succession, the mid-year estimate of population (2,180) has not changed. The number of livebirths (13) was less by 7 than in 1965, and the rate per 1,000 population remains consistently below the national average. The number of deaths (48) was the same as last year. All were in the higher age groups, (55+ years) and 35 of the 48 occurred among the 75 years and over group. One name was removed from the tuberculosis register during the year, but this death was not assigned to tuberculosis by the Registrar-General. The addition of four cases of pulmonary tuberculosis to the register in 1966 was exceptional, but notifications of infectious diseases were otherwise relatively scarce. The local health authority services administered from the Area Health Office formed much the same pattern as in previous years, only minor changes up or down occurring.

Mr. G. Oakes, Public Health Inspector, has prepared that part of the Report dealing with the work of the Borough as a local sanitary authority, and I am grateful to him for this, and for his help during 1966.

There are occasions when the statutory and voluntary organisations reach an impasse in their efforts to find a solution to a problem, and one such occasion almost occurred during 1966 with regard to a particularly difficult housing problem. At one point, it seemed as though formal action would have to be taken under Section 47, National Assistance Act 1948 to obtain removal of an elderly gentleman to hospital, but an "exercise" by all involved overcame this crisis.

I record my thanks to you, Mr. Mayor, and to Members of the Council for the interest taken in the various aspects of the health services in the Borough.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR C. GEE

Medical Officer of Health

June, 1967.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area: 621 acres (Census, 1961)

Population, 1966: 2,180 (as estimated by the Registrar-General)

Population - Census, 1961: 2,234

Number of inhabited houses as at 31st December, 1966: 1,121

Rateable Value as at 31st December, 1966: £106,238

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

| | SOUTHWOLD | | | | | England and Wales rates |
|---|-----------|------|--------|---------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Total | Male | Female | Crude rate | Adjusted rate | |
| Live births - | | | | | | |
| legitimate | 13 | 6 | 7 | - | - | - |
| illegitimate | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| total | 13 | 6 | 7 | - | - | - |
| Live birth rate per 1,000 population | - | - | - | 6.0 | 10.5 | 17.7 |
| Still births | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Deaths of infants - | | | | | | |
| under 1 year of age | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| under 4 weeks of age | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| under 1 week of age | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Deaths from all causes | 48 | 24 | 24 | - | - | - |
| Death rate per 1,000 population | - | - | - | 22.0 | 10.8 | 11.7 |

CAUSES OF DEATH

| | <u>Total</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> |
|---|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus | 2 | 2 | - |
| Malignant neoplasm, breast | 1 | - | 1 |
| Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system | 10 | 6 | 4 |
| Coronary disease, angina | 13 | 5 | 8 |
| Hypertension with heart disease | 1 | 1 | - |
| Other heart disease | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Other circulatory disease | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Influenza | 1 | 1 | - |
| Pneumonia | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Bronchitis | 1 | 1 | - |
| Nephritis and nephrosis | 2 | - | 2 |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| All other accidents | 1 | 1 | - |
| | <u>48</u> | <u>24</u> | <u>24</u> |

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

| | |
|--------------|---|
| Measles | 2 |
| Pneumonia | 6 |
| Tuberculosis | 4 |

TUBERCULOSIS

| | <u>MALE</u> | | <u>FEMALE</u> | | <u>Total</u> |
|---|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| | <u>Pulmonary</u> | <u>Non-Pul</u> | <u>Pulmonary</u> | <u>Non-Pul</u> | |
| Number of patients on register at 1.1.66. | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Number of patients added during the year | 4 | - | - | - | 4 |
| Number of patients removed during the year | 1 | - | 1 | - | 2 |
| Number of patients remaining on register at 31.12.66. | 4 | - | - | 1 | 5 |

Patients added to register

| | | |
|-------------------|---|----------|
| New notifications | - | 3 |
| Inward transfers | - | 1 |
| | | <u>4</u> |

Patients removed from register

| | | |
|-----------|---|----------|
| Recovered | - | Nil |
| Died | - | 1 |
| Removed | - | 1 |
| | | <u>2</u> |

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

| Children born in:- | <u>1966</u> | <u>1965</u> | <u>1964</u> | <u>1963</u> | <u>1959-62</u> | <u>Others under 16</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Primary | 3 | 5 | - | - | - | - | 8 |
| Booster | - | - | 2 | - | 9 | 1 | 12 |

TETANUS IMMUNISATION

| | <u>1 - 15 years</u> | <u>Over 15 years</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Primary | 13 | - |
| Booster (all ages) | | 12 |

SMALLPOX VACCINATION

| | <u>0-3 mths</u> | <u>3-6 mths</u> | <u>6-9 mths</u> | <u>9-12 mths</u> | <u>One year</u> | <u>2-4 yrs</u> | <u>5-15 yrs</u> | <u>Over 15 yrs</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Primary | 1 | - | - | - | 5 | 2 | - | - | 8 |
| Re-vacc ⁿ . | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 3 | - | 4 |

HOME HELP SERVICE

| | <u>Number of cases dealt with</u> | <u>Hours worked</u> |
|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Maternity | - | - |
| Chronic sick, aged and infirm | 30 | 5,890 |
| Number of Home Helps working at 31st December 1966 - 9. | | |

BOROUGH OF SOUTHWOLD
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1966

To: The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of
the Borough of Southwold.

Your Worship, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present this Annual Report on the Sanitary Administration of the Borough and the work done during the year 1966.

WATER SUPPLY

A wholesome and sufficient supply of water for all domestic requirements has been maintained throughout the year. This service is provided by the East Anglian Water Company.

RAINFALL

The total rainfall during the year was 25.08 ins., there being 68 days without, and 297 days with some rain. November was the wettest month with a total of 3.99 ins.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

The construction of the new sewage works was completed during the year.

Certain defects in the sewer scheme were located and repaired.

All drains are examined before being covered, and smoke or water tests applied where applicable.

HOUSE REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The house refuse collection service operates quite satisfactorily, approximately 1500 tons being disposed of. During the height of the summer season, heavy demands are made on the service, and it is necessary to implement the normal collection with our tractor service.

All refuse is tipped and kept under control at the tip situated near the Gasometer Works. Due to the construction of the new sewage works in the immediate vicinity of the tip, extensive levelling and excavations have taken place. Extension of the site for controlled tipping has been prepared and is in use.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS DURING 1965 (including dwellinghouses)

During the year 80 premises were visited, of which 65 were dwellinghouses and 15 various other premises.

In the course of these inspections 7 defects or nuisances were found, and 9 were abated. To secure the abatement of these defects and nuisances 3 informal notices were served upon the owners or agents concerned, in addition to personal interviews by the Public Health Inspector.

SHOPS ACT, 1950, SECTION 38

There are 93 shops in the district, which are visited periodically. There were no contraventions.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

| | |
|--|-----|
| Number of factory chimneys in the district | 2 |
| Number of observations taken | 6 |
| Number of legal proceedings taken | Nil |

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The number of premises registered and visited during the year were:-

| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Offices | 17 |
| Retail shops | 45 |
| Catering establishments | 9 |
| Fuel storage depots | 1 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 72 |
| | <hr/> |

At these premises the following numbers of persons were employed:-

| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Offices | 71 |
| Retail shops | 142 |
| Catering establishments | 71 |
| Fuel storage depots | 2 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 286 |
| | <hr/> |

(of this total 130 were males and 156 females).

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

| PREMISES | No. registered during year. | No. registered end of year | Premises visited. |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Offices | Nil | 17 | 17 |
| Retail shops | 1 | 45 | 45 |
| Catering establishments | 1 | 9 | 9 |
| Fuel storage depots | Nil | 1 | 1 |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | 2 | 72 | 72 |

Number of visits to registered premises - 80

CONTRAVENTIONS

Three premises contravened the Act. The contraventions were drawn to the attention of the persons concerned.

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 to 1959

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

| Premises (1) | Number on Register (2) | Number of | | |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | Inspections (3) | Written Notices (4) | Occupiers Prosecuted (5) |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 21 | 26 | Nil | Nil |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) | 12 | 24 | Nil | Nil |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | 33 | 50 | Nil | Nil |

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 to 1959 (continued)

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found:-

| Particulars (1) | Number of cases in which defects were found | | | | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6) |
|---|--|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| | Found (2) | Remedied (3) | Referred | | |
| | | | To H.M. In- spector (4) | By H.M. In- spector (5) | |
| Want of cleanliness (S.1) | 2 | 2 | - | - | - |
| Overcrowding (S.2) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable temperature (S.3) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inadequate ventilation (S.4) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary conveniences (S.7)(a) Insufficient | - | - | - | - | - |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective | - | - | - | - | - |
| (c) Not separate for sexes | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work) | - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | 2 | 2 | - | - | - |

RODENT CONTROL - PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Prevalence of Rats and Mice

| Type of Property | Total | Notified by | | Re-recorded | Rats Major | Rats Minor | Mice only |
|------------------|-------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| | | Occupier | Other-wise | | | | |
| Local Authority | 3 | 3 | - | 3 | 3 | - | - |
| Dwellinghouses | 1029 | 95 | - | 95 | - | 95 | - |
| Business | 273 | 4 | - | 4 | - | 4 | - |
| Agricultural | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | 1305 | 102 | - | 102 | 3 | 99 | - |

Measures of Control by Local Authority

| Type of Property | Number Inspected | Number of Inspections | Number of Notices Served: Section 4 | |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|
| | | | Treatments | Works |
| Local Authority | 3 | 22 | - | - |
| Dwellinghouses | 135 | 135 | - | - |
| Business | 24 | 80 | - | - |
| Agricultural | - | - | - | - |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | 162 | 237 | - | - |

| Type of Property | Number of Treatments carried out | | | | Block treatments of properties in different occupancies under Sec. 6(1) or by informal arrangements. No. of Surface Associated Sewers. | | |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | By arrangement with Owner | | Under Section 5(1) | | Blocks | No. of separate occupancies | No. of manholes treated |
| | Rats | Mice only | Rats | Mice only | | | |
| Local Authority | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Dwellinghouses | 95 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Business | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Agricultural | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | 102 | - | - | - | - | - | - |

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Food Inspection

The following foods were inspected, condemned and destroyed, being unfit for human consumption:-

| | <u>lbs.</u> | <u>oz.</u> |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|
| Canned meats | 6 | 0 |
| Other foods | 12 | 0 |
| <u>TOTAL WEIGHT</u> | <u>18</u> | <u>0</u> |

Food Premises

| | |
|---|----|
| Number of premises | 59 |
| Number of inspections made | 38 |
| Number of premises found unsatisfactory | 2 |
| Number rendered satisfactory | 2 |

Number of Premises registered under Section 16 Food & Drugs Act, 1955

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Ice Cream - Manufacture | Nil |
| Ice Cream - Storage or sale only | 20 |
| Sausages, preserved foods, etc. | 4 |

DAIRIES AND RETAIL PURVEYORS OF MILK

There is one local dairy, which is kept under good conditions.

CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS AND BAKERIES

These have been found to be satisfactory.

HOUSING

| | |
|--|-----|
| Number of houses or parts thereof closed | 1 |
| Number of houses demolished by formal action | Nil |
| Number of houses demolished by informal action | Nil |
| Number of families rehoused from unfit houses | 1 |

New Houses

| | |
|--|-----|
| Number of new houses erected by Local Authority | Nil |
| Number of new houses erected by private enterprise | Nil |

Improvement Grants

Number of improvement grants approved during the year -

| | | | |
|---------------|-----|----------|-----|
| Discretionary | - 3 | Standard | - 3 |
|---------------|-----|----------|-----|

Disinfections etc.

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Number of premises disinfected | - 2 |
| Number of premises disinfested | - 2 |

Moveable Dwellings

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Number of sites licensed | 2 |
| Number of individual licenses | 1 |
| Number of inspections | 67 |
| Number of moveable dwellings | (a) for holiday use 160 |
| | (b) for residential use 1 |

G. OAKES

Public Health Inspector

June, 1967.

